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1. PER REF TELECON, DEPT SUGGESTS TEXT ALONG FOLLOWING
LINES FOR AIDE MEMOIR TO BE DELIVERED TO GOP:

"THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES REFERS TO THE UNITED
STATES-PERU AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 27, 1946,
AS AMENDED, AND TO THE CURRENT PROPOSAL OF BRANIFF INTER-
NATIONAL AIRLINES TO INTRODUCE SERVICES BETWEEN DALLAS/
FT. WORTH AND LIMA VIA CERTAIN POINTS IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH
AMERICA. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE BRANIFF PRO-
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POSAL IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW BY THE APPROPRIATE PERUVIAN
AUTHORITIES.

DURING RECENT WEEKS, THE UNITED STATES AERONAUTICAL AUTHORI-
TIES HAVE BEEN FORTHCOMING IN GRANTING AEROPERU ADDITIONAL
OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY IN THE UNITED STATES WHERE AUTHOR-
IZED UNDER THE 1946 AGREEMENT. IN THIS REGARD, THE UNITED

STATES AUTHORITIES HAD APPROVED AEROPERU'S APPLICATION FOR TEN ONE-WAY EXTRA-SECTION FLIGHTS IN JULY BETWEEN LIMA AND LOS ANGELES, AND BETWEEN LIMA AND MIAMI VIA GUAYAQUIL.

ALSO, THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES HAVE APPROVED THE FIRST FOUR CHARTER FLIGHTS OPERATED BY AEROPERU BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND LIMA AS PART OF A SERIES OF FLIGHTS SCHEDULED THROUGH DECEMBER. FAVORABLE ACTION IS INTENDED WITH RESPECT TO THE REMAINING FLIGHTS ON A TIMELY BASIS. IN ADDITION, AEROPERU WAS ALLOWED EARLIER THIS YEAR TO CONTINUE ITS SERVICES TO THE UNITED STATES, WITHOUT INTERRUPTION, DESPITE THE FACT THAT ITS US OPERATING PERMIT HAD EXPIRED WITHOUT A TIMELY APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL HAVING BEEN FILED. FINALLY, THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER FAVORABLY ANY APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO AEROPERU'S AND FAUCETT'S FOREIGN AIR CARRIER PERMITS SO AS TO PERMIT THE INTRODUCTION OF SERVICES BETWEEN IQUITOS AND MIAMI, AS REPORTEDLY CONTEMPLATED BY THE TWO PERUVIAN AIRLINES.

AS THE ABOVE ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES DEMONSTRATE, THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES DO NOT WISH TO AFFECT ADVERSELY THE COMMERCIAL VIABILITY OF AEROPERU OR OTHER PERUVIAN AIRLINES, BUT INTEND TO ENCOURAGE THEM IN PROMOTING OPERATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES CONSISTENT WITH THE EXISTING BILATERAL AGREEMENT. THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE PLEASED TO SEE THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF AEROPERU AS A FINANCIALLY SOUND AND EFFICIENT AIRLINE, A RESULT WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD FOLLOW FROM LIBERAL APPLICATION OF THE TERMS OF THE EXISTING BILATERAL AGREEMENT. WE TRUST THAT IN THE SAME SPIRIT THE PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN ALLOWING OPERATIONS BY UNITED STATES AIRLINES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE ROUTE SCHEDULES OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT. THERE IS NO DESIRE TO EXCHANGE RESTRICTIONS WHICH WOULD ONLY BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE AIRLINES OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

THE UNITED STATES' RECEPTIVITY TOWARDS EXPANDED AND HEALTHY OPERATIONS BY PERUVIAN AIRLINES WAS REFLECTED AS WELL IN THE RECENTLY HELD AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THE UNITED STATES EXPRESSED ITS WILLINGNESS TO GRANT PERU, IN THE CONTEXT OF AN OTHERWISE ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT, ACCESS TO NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO; TO GRANT BEYOND RIGHTS TO CANADA AND UNLIMITED RIGHTS TO SERVE ANY INTERMEDIATE POINTS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE; TO GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO WET-LEASE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN PERUVIAN AND NON-PERUVIAN AIRLINES; AND TO ENCOURAGE THE INTRODUCTION OF LOW FARE AND CHARTER REGIMES FAVORABLE TO

BOTH PERU AND THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES ALSO OFFERED IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS TO THE PERU DELEGATION ON THE SUBJECT OF OPERATIONS OF UNITED STATES AIRLINES SOUTH OF PERU. THE ABOVE POSITION IS INDICATIVE OF THE

WILLINGNESS SHOWN BY THE UNITED STATES TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON THE BASIS OF AN EQUITABLE EXCHANGE OF SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE INTEREST OF THE TRAVELING PUBLIC, SHIPPERS, THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY, AND THE CONCERNED AIRLINES, RATHER THAN ON THE BASIS OF EXPANDING OR PROTECTING THE MARKET SHARE OF US AIRLINES.

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